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NSC Budget Resources: New Audio Update, Washington Update Focus on FY 2011, FY 2012 Appropriations

[Join](#) NSC on Thursday, May 5 at 1:00 pm ET for the latest federal budget news as we close out the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 appropriations process and look ahead to FY 2012. Part one of the update will provide an overview and analysis of the recently-passed FY 2011 continuing resolution (CR), while the second half of the call will focus on the upcoming FY 2012 budget—what's being proposed by Congress and the Administration and how the workforce community can weigh in on the conversation. Click [here](#) to register.



Read this month's [Washington Update](#) now for a brief summary of the FY 2011 CR, including details on the more than \$1 billion in cuts to key job training and education programs under the Departments of Labor and Education. Learn more about the House Republican's FY 2012 budget proposal, what it means for workforce programs, and how the GAO's recent report on job training is impacting the debate.



NSC Brings Employer Voices to Regional Community College Summits, Highlights Value of Sector Partnerships

As part of the Coalition's continuing efforts to engage the business community, NSC worked with partners in the field to bring the employer perspective on sector partnerships to three of the four White House-sponsored [Community College Regional Summits](#). In meetings in [Philadelphia](#), [Indianapolis](#), and [San Diego](#), Pam Shadzik of Temple University Health System, Bob Klemen from Northstar Aerospace, and Jan Hunter of John Muir Health discussed how industry partnerships are helping promote industry growth and competitiveness and the role that community colleges can play in building the pipeline of skilled workers those industries need. Click [here](#) to learn more about the SECTORS Act, bipartisan legislation introduced in the House and Senate last month that would help support these partnerships.

S2C-New York Campaign Launches, Offers Vision, Policy Recommendations

Last month, [Skills2Compete-New York](#) launched its campaign with the release of [New York's Forgotten Middle-Skill Jobs](#). The report, by New York Association of Training and Employment Professionals, New York City Department of Small Business Services, and National Skills Coalition, was featured in the [Wall Street Journal](#). Backed by a broad coalition of business, labor and education leaders, the campaign released a companion platform, [Answering the Middle-Skills Challenge](#), offering policy recommendations to



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ensure all New Yorkers have access to the training and education needed to fill the middle-skill job opportunities projected to emerge as the economy recovers.

NSC Promotes Skills, Outcome Measurement at Rhode Island Senate's Economic Summit

NSC State Policy Director Eric Seleznow discussed the importance of training and in-demand skills at last month's Rhode Island Economic Summit. Convened by the State Senate, the Summit brought in leading workforce experts and economists to share ideas about how to grow the skills of Rhode Island's workforce and retrain unemployed workers for new careers. In addition to ensuring workers have the postsecondary credentials required in today's labor market, Seleznow also urged the state to track and measure training program outcomes to evaluate how well they prepare workers for jobs that are available. [Watch](#) or [read](#) media coverage of the event.

Report: New York's Career Pathway Initiative Breaks Ground, Shifts Workforce Strategy

In early 2008, a several-month collaboration between NSC and a number of New York allies led to the passage of what eventually became a statewide Career Pathways initiative that has since leveraged over \$22 million from both the state's welfare and workforce development systems. This February, Center for an Urban Future released [Pathway to Prosperity](#), the first assessment of that initiative to date. While noting areas for improvement, the analysis finds that the initiative represents a significant step forward for workforce development that breaks new ground by moving beyond short-term job placements and taking on the challenge of getting low-income individuals the skills to advance on a career path.

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Read the current issue of [The Alternative Staffing Report](#) to learn more about community college initiatives designed to help low-wage adults complete postsecondary credentials that pay higher wages and meet employer demand.

[National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity's](#) (NAPE) new report [False Start: A Missed Opportunity for Women and Girls in STEM in the Race to the Top Awards](#) offers recommendations for expanding STEM education and career opportunities for underrepresented groups, including women and girls.

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